And the Secretary of War is further authorized and empowered, in his discretion, to locate the twenty-five acres referred to in said act hereby amended, in the northeasterly portion of the said lands of the United States, and to release the same to the said company, its successors and assigns, subject to the conditions and provisos in said act contained, upon the payment of the full value of said twenty-five acres, to be ascertained as in said act provided: Provided, That said company shall elect to take said twenty-five acres and pay such value so fixed as aforesaid, within such reasonable time as may be fixed by the Secretary of War, and after due notice from the Secretary to said company.

Approved, March 3, 1873.

March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCLXXXVI.—An Act to authorize the Construction of a Railroad and Draw-bridge across the Genesee River, in Monroe County, New York.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Lake Ontario Shore Railroad Company of the State of New York be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct a draw-bridge across the Genesee river, in Monroe county, in said State, in accordance with the provisions of an act passed by the legislature of the State of New York, March seventeenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and entitled “An act to facilitate the construction of the Lake Ontario Shore railroad, and to amend the several acts in relation thereto;” and the said bridge when completed shall be deemed and taken to be a legal structure, and shall, with the railroad of which it is to be a part, be a post-road for the transmission of the mails of the United States, with the rights and privileges of other post-roads.

Sec. 2. That said structure herein authorized shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe, and shall be at all times so kept and managed as to offer reasonable and proper means for the passage of vessels through or under the same, and the said structure shall be changed at the cost and expense of the owners thereof, from time to time, as Congress may direct, so as to preserve the free and convenient navigation of said river. And the authority to erect and continue said bridge shall be subject to revocation or modification by law whenever the public good shall in the judgment of Congress so require, without any expense or charge to the United States.

Approved, March 3, 1873.

March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCLXXXVII.—An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to change the Name of Steamer “New England,” to “City of Portland.”

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to change the name of the steamer “New England,” of Eastport, Maine, to that of “City of Portland,” and grant a new register to said steamer.

Approved, March 3, 1873.

March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCLXXXVIII.—An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to dispose of the old Post-office Property in Chicago.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, authorized to exchange with the city of Chicago the piece of land, with the remains of the old custom-house and post-office building thereon, at the corner of Monroe and Dearborn streets, in the city of Chicago, Illinois, (said land fronting one hundred and ninety feet on Dearborn street and ninety feet on Monroe street, or thereabout,) for the piece of land, the property of the school-fund of the city of Chicago, at the corner of Polk street and Fifth avenue, fronting three hundred and eighty
feet on Polk street and one hundred and ninety-eight and one half feet on Fifth avenue, or thereabouts; the difference in value between such pieces of land to be ascertained by a commission to consist of five persons, two of whom shall be appointed by said Secretary of the Treasury, two by the municipal authorities of the city of Chicago, and the four commissioners so selected shall choose a fifth; and that upon the receipt of the report of such commission, or of a majority thereof, and its approval by the Secretary of the Treasury, the government of the United States or the city of Chicago, as the case may be, shall pay to the other in money the difference so ascertained in the value of said pieces of land; and any money which the United States may be required to pay is subject to future appropriation by Congress:

Provided, That the State of Illinois shall cede to the United States its jurisdiction over the property thus acquired by the United States, together with the right to tax or in any way assess said land or the property of the United States that may be thereon during the time that the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof.

Approved, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCLXXXIX.—An Act to provide for a Building suitable for a Post-office, for the Accommodation of the Revenue Officers, and the United States Courts and their Officers, in the City of Parkersburgh, West Virginia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and hereby is authorized and directed to cause to be constructed a suitable brick building, with a fire-proof brick vault extending to each story, in the city of Parkersburgh, West Virginia, for a post-office, and for the accommodation of the United States revenue officers, and the United States courts and their officers; and the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose aforesaid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; and the Secretary of the Treasury shall cause proper plans and estimates to be made, so that no expenditures shall be made or authorized, for the full completion of said building, beyond the sum herein appropriated: Provided, That no money hereby appropriated shall be used or expended until the valid title to the land for a site, independent and unexposed to danger from fire in adjacent buildings, shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of West Virginia shall cede its jurisdiction over the same, and also duly release and relinquish to the United States the right to tax or in any way assess said site, or the property of the United States that may be thereon, during the time that the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof.

Approved, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCXC.—An Act to authorize the National Bank of Springfield, Missouri, to change its Name.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the name of the National Bank of Springfield, Missouri, shall be changed to the First National Bank of Springfield, Missouri, whenever the board of directors of said bank shall accept the new name by resolutions of the board and cause a copy of such resolutions, duly authenticated, to be filed with the comptroller of the currency: Provided, That such acceptance be made within six months after the passage of this act.

Sec. 2. That all debts, demands, liabilities, rights, privileges and powers of the National Bank of Springfield, Missouri, shall devolve upon and inure to the First National Bank of Springfield, Missouri, whenever such change of name is effected.

Approved, March 3, 1873.